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Re: Lenz Oil Site/FS Report

Dear Mary:

On October 30, 1996, I met with you, Bill Bolen and Stu Hersh to discuss why the PRP Group wants to extend the date for submittal of the revised FS report. John Griggs and Susan Smith participated in the meeting via conference call. I explained that we were concerned with the quality and accuracy of the draft of the report we had recently received from our consultant, that we wanted to engage CRA to provide a peer review of the report, and that this additional effort would take about 30 days to complete. Our concerns regarding the FS centered on the accuracy of the cost estimates for the various alternatives presented therein and the lack of a substantive comparative evaluation of the various alternatives. Because of these concerns, we are unwilling to submit the draft FS in its present state on behalf of the Group.

In response to our suggestion that the schedule be extended, you stated you would want to review the draft FS to assess independently whether our concerns were supported. Following your review you will inform us whether the Agency agrees to extend the schedule. In the spirit of cooperation, we will provide you a single copy of the draft FS for your review, subject to the following restrictions:

1. The draft is to be reviewed only by you, Mr. Bolen, Mr. Hersh, or Mr. Willman;

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2. No copies or notes of its contents are to be made;
3. It is to be returned to me no later than Tuesday, November 5, 1996; and
4. No use of this document, other than for the limited purpose specified above, is to be authorized or made.

If the Agency agrees with these conditions and restrictions, please sign below as indicated.

Very truly yours,

  
Alan P. Bielawski

Agreed:

